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Will Centre allow 2,000 persons for Jumboo Savari inside Palace?

Puri Jagannath Rath Yatra was scaled down with limited gathering; Bengaluru Karaga Festival restricted to Temple

By Shyam Sundar Vattam

Mysuru, Sept.18 - How many people will be allowed inside the Mysore Palace to witness the annual Dasara procession on Oct. 26? While the State has sought permission for a congregation of 2,000 persons, it will be decided by the Ministry of Home Affairs. The State is now awaiting a directive from the Centre.

In view of COVID-19 contagion, it has been decided by the State Government to hold the *Jumboo Savari* inside the sprawling Mysore Palace as the Government is planning for a

low-key but traditional Dasara. At the same time, haunted by the pandemic and in an attempt to follow the Centre's guidelines, the Government does not want to allow a large gathering to witness the procession of caparisoned elephants, this time led by Howdah Elephant Abhimanyu.

The Government does not want to give the go-by for the centuries-old tradition. As such, the *Vijayadashami* procession will be held within the Palace premises instead of an elaborate route from Palace to Bannimantap Torch Light Parade Grounds, accompanied by tableaux, cultural and folk troupes. The Government, as of now, has decided to allow 2,000 people inside the Palace.

(See CENTRE on page 8)

Schools and Colleges to open only after Centre issues guidelines: Minister

Mysuru, Sept.18 (RKB&DM)- Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar today said that a decision on re-opening of Schools and Colleges and holding regular classes will be taken only after the State receives the Centre's guidelines in this regard.

Suresh Kumar

He was speaking to presspersons after the inaugural function of City Central Library at People's Park here.

Noting that although the State Government has allowed re-opening of classes from 9 to 12 from Sept. 21, the Minister clarified that the students can go to their respective institutions only for seeking clarifications or sorting out confusions from their teachers regarding the lessons held through online classes in the past couple of months.

(See SCHOOLS on page 8)

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Mysuru COVID-19 UPDATE

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	591
Total positive cases	:	28,079
Discharges yesterday	:	667
Total discharges	:	21,531
Deaths yesterday	:	17
Total deaths	:	649
Total active cases	:	5,899

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"We believe comment is free, but facts are sacred."

Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Friday 18th September 2020

Hindi Day: SWR Mysuru in-house magazine 'Roshni' released

Mysuru, Sept. 18- As per statutory guidelines, Sept.14 is celebrated as Hindi Diwas in all Central Government Offices and Mysuru Division of South Western Railway (SWR) also celebrated Hindi Day-2020 at Chamundi Club in Yadavagiri.

Divisional Railway Manager Aparna Garg inaugurated the programme by lighting the lamp along with others. She read out the message of Minister of Railways and later released the in-house magazine 'Roshni.'

Surendra Kumar Upadhyay, Deputy Director (Official Language), Silk Department, Mysuru, who was the chief guest, said people should respect all regional languages and develop Hindi as a national language like a gardener protects and preserves different plants and flowers in his garden.

Ayush Kumar Pandey, Rajbhasha Adhikari, presented the annual progress report on the achievements made by SWR Mysuru Division. A. Devasahayam, Apar Mukhya Rajbhasha Adikari, read out the message of the Home Minister and informed that with the implementation of e-Office, the Mysuru Division has moved towards becoming paperless. Circulars, letters, etc., are also being sent in Hindi in e-office, he said. The programme concluded with singing of National Anthem.

During the fortnight-long celebration, various competitions are organised for Railway staff of the Divisional Office, according to a press release from Priya Shetty, Divisional Commercial Manager and PRO.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

Even rabid critics on the political spectrum concede Prime Minister Narendra Modi's unquestioned popularity. He has an ardent following and his moves and statements are intensely followed by legions. Yet, despite being under 24x7 scrutiny, there are many aspects to his personality that remain unknown and defy well-entrenched depictions of the man. Contrary to the dominant discourse about him being a leader who doesn't encourage differing viewpoints, those who have the experience of attending meetings with him will testify to frank exchange of views. Interactions with him have always been a candid dialogue. He's never given the impression of being in a hurry while meeting individuals or groups, and respectfully listens to different opinions. There have been instances where he didn't fully endorse the advice or opinion but went along with the consensus out of deference for the institutional framework. The PM turned 70 on Sept. 17. But his energy, passion and confidence remain undimmed. The recent convergence of multiple crises has not stifled him and he continues to sincerely pursue the goals of development and peace. The rich reservoir of experience in the State and Centre and his sympathetic insight into the problems people face are his assets. His ability and confidence to grapple with complex issues is strengthened by his infinite belief in 1.3 billion people of the country.

— Nripendra Misra in The Times of India

NEWS SPARKLERS

Indian 'Spider Boy' scales walls without any equipment

Lucknow: A young boy from Uttar Pradesh is now being called 'Spider Boy' for his ability to effortlessly scale 10ft walls using nothing but his bare hands and feet. 7-year-old Yasharth Singh Gaur, a class three student from Kanpur, was inspired by Marvel's popular Spider-Man to try and scale the walls of his home. It seemed impossible at first, but he kept at it and before long he was able to climb the corners of his room with only his hands and feet.

Ever since word of Spider Boy's climbing skills spread around the neighborhood, locals started dropping by his house just to watch him scale the walls. He braces himself between two walls, in the corner of his room, then uses his bare feet to climb up, all the way to the ceiling. He is even able to free up his hands, using only his feet for support.

Woman builds her own home single-handedly

Pietermaritzburg: A South-African female engineer has become an inspiration for other women looking to succeed in fields dominated by men, after photos of her constructing an extension to her house went viral on social media.

Last month, South Africa celebrated Women's Month and a 26-year-old woman from Pietermaritzburg named Zama Philisiwe Zungu became the unlikely poster girl for this year's celebration, after photos of her single-handedly working on an extension to her house went viral on social networks. The pics showed the woman preparing the cement, making all the measurements and stacking the building blocks all by herself, which not only won her a lot of praise, but also empowered other women to follow their dreams even if the odds are stacked against them.

HEALTH CAPSULE by Bron Smith

What's a good natural remedy for sinus congestion?

Try saline nasal irrigation. Add 1/4 tsp of sea salt to a mug of slightly warm water. Standing over a sink, inhale the water into both nostrils and allow it to drain from your nose and mouth into the sink. Rinse morning and night. Saline rinses are a simple, effective method of relieving sinus symptoms.

** Health Capsules is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature.*

COVID-19 UPDATE

Mandya

Figures as per Government Media Bulletin released last evening

Positive cases yesterday	:	86
Total positive cases	:	8,838
Total discharges	:	6,531
Total deaths	:	88
Total active cases	:	2,219

Chamarajanagar

Positive cases yesterday	:	108
Total positive cases	:	3,287
Total discharges	:	2,589
Total deaths	:	55
Total active cases	:	632

Kodagu

Positive cases yesterday	:	47
Total positive cases	:	2,133
Total discharges	:	1,625
Total deaths	:	28
Total active cases	:	480

Hassan

Positive cases yesterday	:	206
Total positive cases	:	13,056
Total discharges	:	9,042
Total deaths	:	237
Total active cases	:	3,777

Really...?

- ***Signs of successful brain surgeries go as far back as the Stone Age.***
- ***An adult brain weighs about 3 pounds.***
- ***About 75 percent of the brain is made up of water.***

LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

*Son: **I am not able to go to school today.***
*Father: **What happened?***
*Son: **I am not feeling well.***
*Father: **Where you are not feeling well?***
*Son: **In school !!***

Today's Currency Rate

1 US Dollar	= Rs. 73.43
1 UK Pound	= Rs. 95.14
1 UAE Dirham	= Rs. 19.99
1 Euro	= Rs. 87.01

VOICE OF THE READER

More on Akashvani
Gopalaswamy family

Sir,

It was very nice to read about Dr. M.V. Gopalaswamy (MVG), who founded Akashvani, Mysore *(SOM* dated Sept.12). However, I would like to add little more information to the MVG family.

Two of his sons were Pilots in the Indian Air Force. The elder son was late Air Cmde M.G. Ramachandra (Bharathi's father). He was popularly known as MGR in the Air Force. As an Air Cmde, he commanded Air Force Station, Agra, the largest Transport Base of the Air Force, then. He was an able, efficient and an unassuming Commander. I had the privilege of serving under him then.

The other son is Wg. Cdr. M.G. Vijaykumar, retired and settled down in Mysuru.

—Wg. Cdr. S.M. Bellary (Retd.)
Mysuru
16.9. 2020

Special Block for Autistic children
at Rotary Mysore Integrated School

Mysuru, Sept. 18 (KS)- Rotary Mysore, as part of its Platinum Jubilee celebrations, has constructed a separate block with 10 classrooms for children with autism at its Integrated School in Dattagalli. This is the only school in city for children with autism.

The new block, inaugurated recently by PDG Rtn. R. Guru, has been funded through donations from various institutions, members of Rotary Mysore and the general public. Prominent among the donors are ICICI Bank Ltd., H.N. Varadharajan, B.R. Pai of Vijay Foundation, Abbas Vagh of Decorative Laminates, R. Guru of N.R. Group, Jagannath Shenoy of Mangalore Ganesh Beedi Works, Mysore Amity Round Table-156, Ideal Jawa Rotary School and Rotary Mysore Educational Foundation.

Rotary Mysore had constructed an Integrated School in 2015 at Dattagalli. This School had a section of classrooms for children with autism, which is managed by Thulir Charitable Trust. As only 40 special children could be accommodated in the school, the new block was constructed so that more children with autism could be enrolled. The objective of this school is to integrate children with autism into mainstream education. This is a set-up where a school for regular children and a school for children with autism co-exist in the same environment which helps children with autism develop their social skills and encourages them to interact with normal children. This itself acts as a therapy for these children.

Grand vocal concert online by Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala

Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala

Mysuru, Sept. 18- Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha has organised an online vocal concert by senior vocalist of Mysuru, Vidu. Koviladi R. Kala, as part of its weekly online concert series. The concert will be premièred on its YouTube channel at 5 pm on Sept. 19.

Vidushi Kala was mentored by her father 'Haridasa Sahitya Gana Ratna,' late Vidwan Koviladi K. Rangarajan, one of the leading Vidwans of Tamil Nadu during his time. She has graduated herself in Music from the Madras University, and is a graded artiste of AIR, regularly performing in AIR and Doordarshan since 1984.

She has the credit of presenting concerts in AIR South Zone hook-ups, TTD, Mysuru Dasara and in many reputed Sabhas.

She is the co-ordinator of city's 'RAAGA' Music Academy, regular faculty of Ganabharathi Music School, visiting faculty for MA (Music) students of KSOU etc. She is an eminent teacher and trains students for Senior and Vidwat grades. She has been honoured by several Music Sabhas.

She will be supported by senior artistes Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata.

Music-lovers may watch the concert by visiting Sabha's YouTube channel at Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha Charitable Trust. For details, contact Phone: 0821-2512422, according to a press release from Sabha Hon. Secretary Vid. H.K. Narasimhamurthy.

Webinar on 'Industrial Applications of
Machine Learning' marks Engineer's Day

Mysuru, Sept.18 (SSV)- A webinar on 'Industrial Applications of Machine Learning' was held at Institution of Electronics and Telecommunication Engineers (IETE), Mysuru Centre, as part of Engineer's Day. It was presided over by Dr. Gopichand Agnihotram, DMTS-Senior Member Principal Consultant, iX (Interactive Experience) Group Wipro CTO Office, Wipro Limited.

He briefed about the application of Machine Learning on the real time data in various fields like Healthcare, Airlines, Ware houses etc.

Dr. Agnihotram also gave insight about basics of Machine Learning, types of data in ML - Structured Data and Unstructured Data, learning models-supervised and unsupervised.

Prof. C.R. Nataraj, Chairman, IETE Mysuru Centre, Dr.S.R. Bhagyashree, Vice-Chairman, Dean (Research) & Professor, Department of ECE, ATMECE, Mysuru, Dr. B. D. Parameshachari, Hon. Secretary, IETE Mysuru Centre, Professor and HoD of TCE, GSSSIETW, Mysuru, Prof. Shashidhara S. Gokhale, Hon. Treasurer and Executive Committee Members were present. H.S. Supreetha of Department of TCE, GSSSIETW, welcomed. The webinar was coordinated by GSSSIETW Assistant Professors C.G. Nayana and K.M. Rajesh. M.R. Prarthana proposed a vote of thanks. Over 200 participants attended. Ayushi Sharma and Shaiqa Afeef compered.

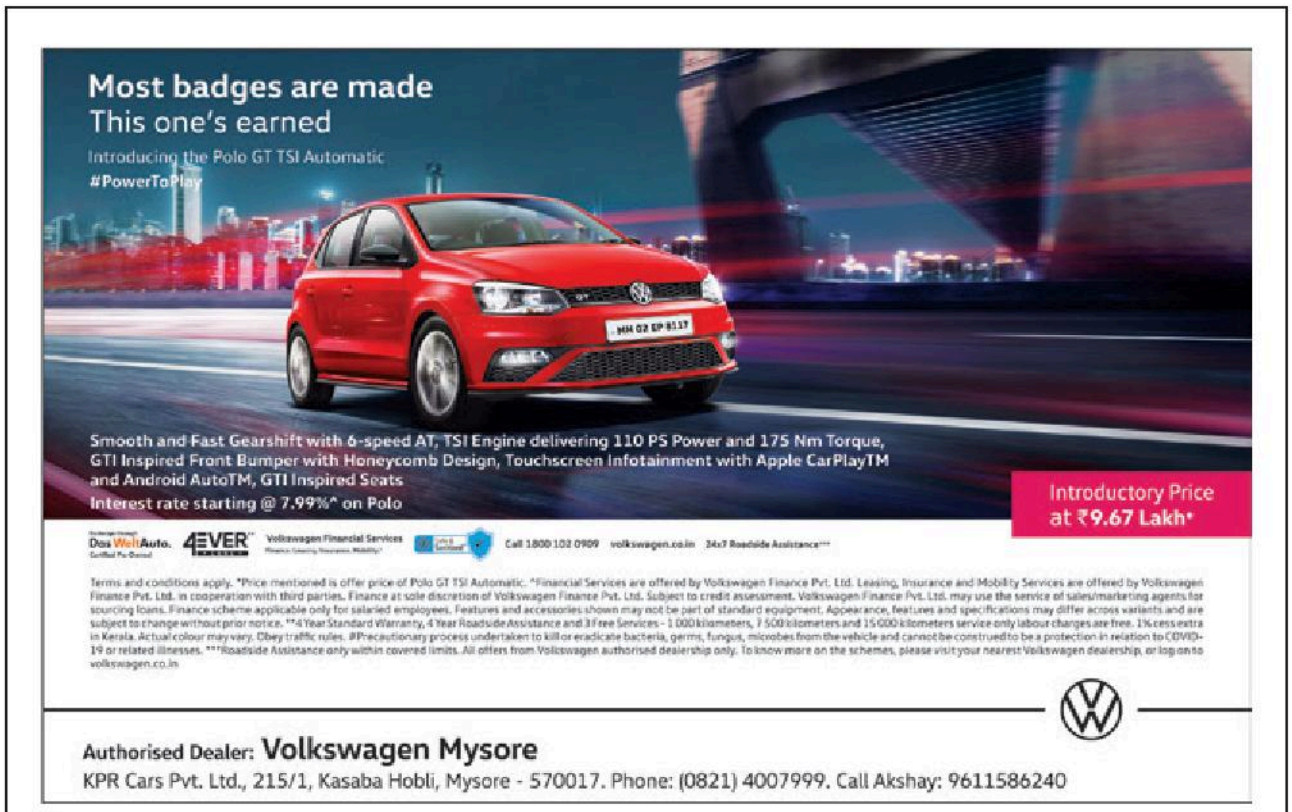
Last date extended: Calling Safai Karmacharis

Mysuru, Sept. 18- Karnataka Rajya Safai Karmachari Abhivruddhi Nigama, Mysuru, has extended last date to submit application to avail various schemes from eligible persons. The Nigama is offering various schemes such as self-employment, entrepreneurship, direct loan, Airavatha, Microcredit Prerana (self-help group), land ownership and Ganga Kalyana scheme. The safai karmacharis, manual scavengers or their dependents can submit application online before Sept. 30.

The applicants must have worked as safai karmacharis for a minimum period of five years and possess documents in this regard from head of the City Corporation, Town Municipality, Municipal Council or Gram Panchayat.

Those who have already obtained facility worth over Rs. 1 lakh either from the Nigama or from the Government in the last three years are not eligible.

Tenth class passed candidates and above 21 years of age may file application online with all documents at *http://www.ksskdc.kar.nic.in* before Sept. 30. For details, call Ph: 0821-2332480.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NEWS BRIEFS

Special cover on Dr. Vishnu

A special postal cover to commemorate the 70th birth anniversary of Kannada actor late Dr. Vishnuvardhan will be released today afternoon at Bengaluru General Post Office (GPO). The special postal cover will be on sale at the Philatelic Bureau of Bengaluru GPO, Mangaluru HO, Mysuru HO and Belagavi HO in Karnataka Postal Circle and also at e-Post Office www.indiapost.gov.in.

Bharatiya Theatre Music Day

Rangayana, has organised a programme at Bhoomigeeta auditorium in its premises at 4.30 pm tomorrow (Sept. 19) to officially announce Sept. 19, the birth anniversary of theatre doyen Padma Shri B.V. Karanth, as 'Bharatiya Theatre Music Day.' Renowned, senior and Music Director of legendary Gubbi Company, Paramasivan, will make the announcement. After the programme, every day at 6.30 pm, B.V. Karanth composed theatre music will be telecast on Rangayana Facebook Page and YouTube Channel. Visit www.rangayana.org for more details.

Condolence Meeting

Mysuru Zilla Havyasi Rangakarmigala Vedike and amateur theatre troupes of Mysuru have jointly organised a meeting to condole the death of senior theatre artistes Tho. Nanjundaswamy, Vishwanath (auto Vishwanna) and Ratna Gururaj tomorrow (Sept. 19) at 5.30 pm at Kalamandira premises, opposite Kiru Rangamandira. Participants are requested to wear masks and maintain social distance without fail.

KRS Water Level

(Maximum : 124.80 feet)

Today	124.74 ft
Yesterday	124.72 ft
Inflow	7,063 cusecs
Outflow	6,531 cusecs

Kabini Level

(Maximum : 2,284.00 feet)

Today	2,283.89 ft
Inflow	3,485 cusecs
Outflow	3,208 cusecs

Harangi Level

(Maximum : 2,859.00 feet)

Today	2,858.28 ft
Inflow	2,713 cusecs
Outflow	1,200 cusecs

Sea side tour turns tragic as two city students drown in Gokarna

Mysuru, Sept. 18 (RK&KS)- Two students, who were among eight students from city on a tour to Gokarna in Karwar District, drowned in the sea yesterday morning.

The deceased students are Ullas (16), son of Gangadhar and a resident of Sunnadakeri 7th Cross and Suhas (17), a resident of J.P. Nagar. While the body of Suhas has been fished out from the sea yesterday and brought to city, the body of Ullas was found this morning.

Suhas and Ullas, along with others as Lokesh, Ranjith (brother of Ullas), Lohith, Darshan, Shivashankar and Karthik, left Mysuru on Sept. 15 on a tour in a rented SUV. On Tuesday, they visited Kalasa, Horanadu and Kuduremukha in Chikkamagalur District and reached Sringeri in the night where they had the darshan of Goddess Sharadambe and stayed overnight.

The students left Sringeri next morning and visited Agumbe and Murdeshwara and reached Gokarna in Karwar district on Wednesday evening, where they stayed overnight.

Yesterday morning, the group visited Gokarna Beach that is known for its turbulence and ventured into the sea for a swim. High waves and water currents swept away Ullas and Suhas. Other students, who saw Ullas and Suhas being swept away, screamed for help.

Rehman, the driver of the rented SUV, who was nearby, heard their screams immediately alerted the localites who informed Gokarna Police Sub-Inspector Naveen Nayak. The Police rushed to the spot and summoned Fire and Emergency Service personnel and expert swimmers. They managed to fish out the body of Suhas from the sea at about 1 pm yesterday.

Gokarna Police, who registered a case, shifted the body of Suhas to Government Hospital mortuary where a post-mortem was conducted. Later the body was handed over to family members, who later brought the body to Mysuru.

Meanwhile, parents and guardians of the remaining six students rushed to Gokarna yesterday morning on hearing the news of the tragedy and have reached Gokarna.

The body of Ullas was fished out this morning and has been shifted to Government Hospital mortuary where a post-mortem will be conducted. The body will later be hand over to family members.

CM meets Modi in Delhi

Seeks nod for Cabinet rejig; no change in leadership

New Delhi, Sept.18- Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who is in Delhi since yesterday, met Prime Minister Narendra Modi at Sansad Bhavan this morning.

According to sources, the duo spoke for about 15-20 minutes. The CM is learnt to have appealed to Modi to release additional funds to take up flood relief works and also GST dues.

During discussion, Yediyurappa reportedly sought permission to do Cabinet reshuffle or expand in the wake of growing demand from the BJP legislators for the Cabinet berth.

Later in the day, the CM is likely to meet BJP National President J.P. Nadda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to take their advice on the Cabinet rejig. Yediyurappa told reporters that he had come to Delhi to take permission from the BJP High Command for the Cabinet expansion. However, the expansion or reshuffle will happen only after the 10-day monsoon session of the State Legislature which begins from Monday.

Change in leadership?

Meanwhile, rumour mill is making rounds on change in leadership in Karnataka. If sources are to be believed, the High Command is planning to find out an alternative to the incumbent Yediyurappa who has crossed 75 years of age.

According to BJP norms, no important position has to be given to leaders above 75 years of age. Going by this norm, the present CM Yediyurappa has to make way for another leader, which the party sources rule out in the current situation, going by the massive backup for him across the State.

It is alleged that there is severe discontent among legislators and are reportedly meeting in groups to push their agenda of replacing Yediyurappa who holds the record of becoming the CM for four times, albeit for short duration twice. But Party National leaders are not ready to take the risk of removing Yediyurappa at this juncture and invite the wrath of powerful Lingayat community. However, there is no confirmation of change in leadership from any leader.

Hectic lobbying

The Ministerial aspirants, A.H. Vishwanath, M.P. Renukacharya, Arvind Limbavali, Murgesh Nirani and others are camping in Delhi since yesterday to lobby for the Cabinet berth.

MLC Vishwanath said he was definitely an aspirant for the Minister post but it was the discretion of the CM. "I have met our national leaders and stake claim for the Cabinet berth based on my experience. I will leave it to High Command and our leaders to take a call."

Meanwhile, Renukacharya, a close confidant of the CM, ruled out change in leadership and blamed the media for creating confusion. "Yediyurappa was projected as the CM candidate much before the 2018 Assembly election and he became the CM last year. Why the High Command will change him when he was giving good governance," he asked.

One from Mysuru

Chamaraja MLA L. Nagendra exuded confidence that either MLA S.A. Ramdas or MLC Vishwanath will make it to the Cabinet. The Cabinet reshuffle or expansion will take place during the first week of next month.

Obituary

R. Basavanna

Mysuru, Sept. 18- R. Basavanna (29), a resident of Gujjegowdanapura on H.D. Kote Road, passed away at a private hospital in city this morning following cardiac arrest.

He leaves behind his father Ramanna, mother Rajamma, brothers Mahadevaswamy and Chandrashekar and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were held at Gujjegowdanapura today.

H.P. Nagaraj Dixit

H.P. Nagaraj Dixit (56), a senior journalist and a native of Hirekerur in Haveri district, passed away yesterday afternoon at Bengaluru following a heart attack.

He leaves behind his wife Bharathi and a host of relatives and friends.

In his 25 years career as a journalist, he had served Mysuru, Mandya and Bengaluru in visual media and print media.

Last rites were performed today afternoon at Bengaluru.

Jayaprakash

Jayaprakash (50), an advocate and a resident of Bengaluru, passed away at his residence on Thursday.

He leaves behind his wife, two children and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at his native place Chowdenahalli village in Periyapatna taluk, according to sources.

Jayaprakash worked as an assistant to city's noted advocate late K.R. Subbukrishna and was later selected as an Assistant Prosecutor. He had served in Bengaluru, Channapatna and Kanakapura.

S.N. Channabasappa Devaru

S.N. Channabasappa Devaru (97), proprietor of Lakshmi Bhandar and a resident of Sarvajanika Hostel Road in Vidyaranyapuram, passed away yesterday in city.

He leaves behind his wife, two sons, two daughters and a host of relatives and friends.

Last rites were performed at Veerashaiva Burial Grounds in Vidyaranyapuram this morning.

K.J. Manashree

K.J. Manashree (34), daughter-in-law of B.M. Ramachandra, proprietor of Sri Rajarajeshwari Vasthralankara and a resident of Nanjumalige, passed away yesterday morning in city.

She leaves behind her husband B.R. Manjunath, one daughter and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were performed at Mukthidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage last evening.

C.R. Rameez Ahmed

C.R. Rameez Ahmed (70), a resident of Udayagiri and a Transport Contractor (Anganwadi) at Chamarajanagar, passed away on Aug. 28 in city.

He leaves behind his wife, four sons and a host of relatives and friends. Namaz-e-Janaza was held on the same day (Aug. 28) followed by the burial at the Muslim Burial Grounds on Mysuru-Nanjangud Road, according to family sources.

People's Park Library inaugurated

Mysuru, Sept.18 (RKB&DM)- Ending the long wait of lakhs of Mysureans, District Minister S.T. Somashekar inaugurated the new and more spacious City Central Library building at People's Park premises in Nazarbad here this morning.

Primary and Secondary Education Minister S. Suresh Kumar inaugurated the Digital Library, while Mayor Tasneem inaugurated a book expo.

MLA L. Nagendra presided. MLAs G.T. Devegowda and S.A. Ramdas, MLC Sandesh Nagaraj, Deputy Mayor C. Sridhar, Corporator M. Satish, MCC Commissioner Gurudatta Hegde, Department of Libraries Director Dr. Satish Kumar S. Hosamani, City Central Library Deputy Director B. Manjunath and other officials were present. The new Library has been built by Karnataka Rural Infrastructure Development Limited (KRIDL) at a cost of Rs. 5.34 crore.

No stage programme

Although the authorities had erected a stage for inauguration, no stage programme happened as the Ministers were reportedly in a hurry to attend other schedules.

However, Ministers Somashekar and Suresh Kumar spoke to media persons after inauguration at People's Park entry gate before leaving the venue.

The new library building has a long history extending over four decades. The then Maharaja of Mysore Nalwadi Krishnaraja Wadiyar constructed the City Central Library on Sayyaji Rao Road in 1915, when the city population was just 40,000. But as a more spacious building was required in accordance with the growth of population, the then Mysore City Municipality on Oct. 9,1979, handed over 400'x340' area of land in People's Park to the Libraries Department for the construction of new building, following which tenders were invited on Jan. 6, 1982. However, the construction did not commence for some reasons. Later, Dr. M. Veerappa Moily, who was the Education Minister then, laid the foundation stone for the new building on June 20, 1991. But the construction again hit a roadblock due to issues concerning handing over the construction to private contractors. Thereafter the project went into a limbo.

But the project got a push when Vasu became Chamaraja MLA in 2013 Assembly polls. Vasu as an MLA, along with his then fellow MLA S. Suresh Kumar, who is now Primary Education Minister, brought to the notice of the Legislative Assembly Appeals Committee in Mar. 2014 on the New Library building not taking off despite being allotted a vast area of land in the heart of the city. Vasu had suggested the Committee to construct a modern building with all necessary infrastructure and a Digital Library for students appearing for Civil Services and other such competitive exams.

Following Vasu's initiatives, the construction of the new Library gained fresh traction with the Library Department submitting a fresh proposal to construct the building at an estimated cost of Rs. 4.80 crore. After the Project got fresh Government sanction, the construction finally took off in Jan. 2017 with the Government entrusting the works to KRIDL. The construction was completed in Mar. 2020. Now, after a long wait of over four decades when the new Library was first proposed in 1979, District Minister Somashekar inaugurated the new building constructed by KRIDL at a cost of Rs.5.34 crore, which includes building cost of Rs. 4.99 crore and compound wall construction cost of Rs.35 lakh.

Golden Throne assembled

Mysuru, Sept. 18 (MTY&BCT)- The diamond-studded Golden Throne (Suvarna Simhasana) was assembled this morning at the Durbar Hall inside iconic Mysore Palace with all the accompanying rituals. Along with the Golden Throne, the silver Bhadrasana was assembled at the Kannadi Thotti.

This is one of the major attractions during Navaratri celebrations from Oct. 17. The Khas Durbar or the Private Durbar of titular head of erstwhile Mysore Royal Family Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar will begin from Oct. 17.

The rituals began at 7 am with Navagraha Homa, Shanti Homa and Havans performed to the Strong Room in the underground of the Palace where the Golden Throne is kept. The Golden Throne was brought to the Amba Vilas Durbar Hall at 7 am where the assembling of the throne began for Dasara and the Bhadrasana was assembled at Kannadi Thotti amidst tight Police security.

Though the rituals and assembling began at 7 am, it was halted between 10.30 am and 12 noon due to Rahu Kala where the priests and the assemblers carried out other minor works. After the Rahu Kala, the assembling of the throne was completed at 1.15 pm after Maha Mangalarathi.

As part of this ritual, the Pattada Aane (elephant), Pattada Kudure (horse) and Pattada Hasu (cow), all adorned with royal robes, were also brought and pujas performed. Member of erstwhile Mysore royal family Pramoda Devi Wadiyar, Mysore Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya and others were present.

In all, there are 14 parts to the Golden Throne and the Bhadrasana that includes the steps leading to the throne, golden umbrella, main seat with cushions, arms rest to name a few. About 14 members of Palace staff assembled them.

It is usually artisans from Gejjagalli village in Nanjangud taluk who are involved in the assembling of the throne, but this time it is said that only eight people from there were part of the assembling team with the rest from the Mysore Palace.

Adhika Masa

The Golden Throne was assembled as per the Palace Panchanga and the Nakshatra of Raja Wadiyar. This year, due to Adhika Masa (in view of calendar correction, an Adhika (additional) Ashwija Masa (month) is added, up to Oct. 16. This correction is done once in three years.), the dates for the throne assembling has come a month early. As a security measure, all those involved in assembling work were not allowed to use mobile phones and CCTV cameras installed at the premises were covered with clothes. The Palace Board had also restricted the entry of visitors to Palace till 2 pm today. The assembling of idols of Simha (Lion) to the throne will be done on the first day of Navaratri (Oct. 17) just before the Khas Durbar.

Park to be named after Dr. Vishnuvardhan

Mysuru, Sept. 18 (PM&SD)- On the occasion of Kannada film star late Dr. Vishnuvardhan's birthday, Karunamayi Vishnu Abhimanigala Balaga had organised a function at Vishnuvardhan Park near Chamaraja Wadiyar Circle here this morning.

Speaking on the occasion, Mayor Tasneem said, "Soon, this park will be officially named after Dr. Vishnuvardhan. We will put forward this matter during the next Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) meeting and pass a resolution towards this end."

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Flowers to enhance beauty of illuminated Circles this Dasara

Mysore Palace gears up for Navarathri with flower pot arrangements and rose garden

Flower pots being readied at the Nursery owned by Horticulture Department in city. The pots will be displayed at prominent illuminated Circles.

By M.T. Yogesh Kumar

This Dasara, colourful flowers will add additional glitter to the illuminated streets, Circles and prominent structures within the city boundaries. Though it will be a low-key Dasara as decided by the State Government thanks to the COVID-19 contagion, stakeholders are planning to make the low-key affair a more attractive one.

While the Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation (CESC) has decided to illuminate prominent Circles and junctions with LED bulbs, serial lights, illuminated replicas of Gods and Goddesses, the Horticulture Department is planning to beautify the Circles and junctions by tastefully arranging flower pots.

Last Dasara, over 75 kms of the Heritage City and 91 Circles spreading up to Outer Ring Road junction were illuminated and was a visual treat. This year, however, the CESC has not yet come up with its illumination plans.

These arrangements will attract passers-by and they can make a brief stopover with social distancing and leave the place soon after. The Horticulture Department has come up with this plan as there will be no Annual Flower Show — the second main attraction after *Vijayadashami* procession — due to the pandemic.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Horticulture Department Assistant Director Rudresh said that they have reserved 6,000 flowering pots to be placed around Circles. "These pots will be placed in the surroundings of DC Office, Judges' Quarters, Government Offices, Krishnaraja Circle, Chamaraja Circle, Jayachamaraja Wadiyar Circle and other prominent landmarks.

"In the absence of Flower Show, we want tourists and local residents to get a feel of Dasara. At the same time we do not want people to crowd at places in view of the pandemic. Instead, people can just make a stopover at illuminated and flower-bedecked Circles and leave the place," he said.

As part of the beautification, over 5,000 flower pots will be arranged in front of the Glass House at Kuppanna Park that is being made into a walkers' paradise and a year-round activity park. "This year, we are forced to prepare well for Dasara in very little time. Usually, we arrange more than 80,000 pots for the Flower Show. This year, we have identified local flower varieties instead of bringing them from outside," Rudresh revealed.

Plants that flower in 40 to 45 days are being selected this time including Felicia Daisy, Marigold, Zinnia and Cactus. "We have timed the flowering to Oct. 10 and the flowers will stay bright and blooming for at least 20 days. They will bloom in batches," he added.

Since it is limited number of pots, they are being grown and readied at the Department Nursery at Zilla Panchayat premises, Ittigegud and the park near DC Office. Transportation to Circles and other Government offices becomes easy from these venues, Rudresh said.

At Mysore Palace

Meanwhile, the Mysore Palace Board is also preparing for attractive flower display for Dasara in the premises of Mysore Palace. The Board is buoyed by the number of visitors to the Palace as more than 23,000 tourists visited the iconic structure in August and September till date. Palace Board Deputy Director T.S. Subramanya expressed confidence that if the Palace can get 23,000 visitors amidst pandemic and amidst national and international travel restrictions, the numbers are sure to increase in the coming days.

For the flower display, flower beds are being prepared and flower pots numbering 5,000 are being readied. The flower varieties include African Marigold Yellow, Anthurium, Aster, Calendula, Celosia, Cosmos, Chrysanthemum, Cockscomb, Kuchia, French Marigold, Dahlia, Nasturtium, Phlox, Sun Flower, Petunia, Torenia, Tithonia , Zinnia, Palms, Lady Lace and Hollyhocks among others.

A rose garden is being readied inside the Palace and the plants have been pruned for the roses to bloom in 40 to 45 days coinciding with Navarathri. The top soil is mixed with manure and watered. Also, pesticides are being sprayed on the pruned plants.

"The walkways around the sprawling Palace, footpaths and lanes inside the compound will be lined up with flowering pots. A tourist coming to the Palace must not miss anything due to the pandemic situation. These flowering plants will enhance the beauty of Mysore Palace aesthetically," Palace Board Deputy Director Subramanya explained.

[Pics. by M.N. Lakshminarayana Yadav]

Over a cup of evening Tea

By Dr. K. Javeed Nayeem, MD

Re-opening Schools, an unwise move

The Government has announced that schools across the country will be re-opened to conduct face-to-face teaching for students of class 9th to 12th from the 21st of this month. With the COVID-19 pandemic still raging at its peak I feel this is a very unwise move which may prove very expensive for us. **Even the slightest adverse outcome of this action in the form of some children picking up the infection can have a very disturbing effect on the lives of all of us, let alone their parents and family members.**

All the news that we heard initially about youngsters being relatively immune to the COVID infection or being less likely to suffer from serious symptoms even if infected, has been proved completely wrong now. We are seeing some very young and robust individuals falling prey to it with disastrous outcomes all over the world. This is a point that has to be considered with all seriousness and the pros and cons of sending our children to schools have to be weighed very carefully and cautiously before taking any hasty steps.

Nobody in the world, not even our best medical scientists, have yet understood the behaviour of the COVID-19 virus and so all their predictions and postulations so far have only been speculative to say the least. **None of them have been able to explain in the light of their present scientific knowledge, why some extremely cautious individuals are picking up the infection while some others who despite being utterly reckless, are not getting infected.**

Viruses differ very widely in their behaviour much of which still remains ill understood. Our standard operating procedures in dealing with viral diseases or developing vaccines against them have yielded amazingly different and even disappointing results. Our inability to come up with an effective vaccine or a definitive cure for AIDS over the last forty years is a case in point. We are now clearly facing an adversary the hidden capabilities of which can be immense and what we have seen over the last nine months is only the tip of the iceberg. And we have to admit that what little morbidity

and mortality we have seen and experienced has itself been immense and quite crippling too. **It has crippled production and the world economy, it has crippled world travel, it has crippled global interaction for education, it has crippled our health care infrastructure and it has even demoralised a once defiant and arrogant world leadership.**

By opening up our schools hastily we may end up exposing our children to some very real risks. How can we be sure that despite the very stringent recommendations of our Government the managements and teachers in every one of our schools will be able to enforce them effectively both in and around the campuses? Our children can flout rules and intermingle with each other playfully without adequate physical distancing. They can share their books, instruments, pens and pencils and even their food in a spirit of friendship and camaraderie.

And how are we going to send them to their schools, some of which may not have their own buses. Physical distancing is next to impossible in autorickshaws and privately owned, tiny school vans. And, naturally these two modes of transport are the most common when it comes to transporting children from not so affluent families who happen to study in not so posh schools. And how are we going to ensure that these privately owned vehicles are periodically and effectively sanitised by their owners and operators as per Government recommendations?

In the case of autorickshaws it will be all the more hazardous as they will naturally be used for transporting the public immediately before and after their school trips. So if I say that the more cautious we are, the better it is for all of us, it will not be an overstatement. The Government by itself cannot completely ensure the safety of our children. We as responsible parents have to do it. All Governments will naturally be under much compulsion to project a picture of normalcy to show that they are working efficiently even if they are not. And, we have all seen that many decisions taken by our Government in dealing with the COVID-19 crises were very ill-conceived and even counterproductive.

Many recommendations were quite fanciful too like the bells we were made to ring and the candles we were made to light. None of them helped but even some of our most learned and presumably wise citizens, including many doctors, followed them both in letter and spirit, almost believing they would. I failed to understand how they could! At the most they served only to distract the attention of an alarmed and bewildered public from the sudden danger that it was staring at while buying the Government some extra time to figure out what to do right.

Thankfully, the Government has been sensible enough to say that the re-opening of schools will be a completely optional arrangement with the parents retaining the right to send their wards to school or not. With this being so let us all ask ourselves whether getting our children educated in the same traditional way and at the same insane pace too in this era of effective online learning is worth taking the risk of exposing them to the peril that COVID-19 is?

What is the worst that can happen to their future if their intensive and almost insanely aggressive learning is delayed by a couple of years? Did we all, until just two generations ago, not become reasonably capable performers in every field we pursued, nourished just with the rather diluted and watery broth that our syllabi then were? Is it not because of our education, knowledge and abilities that the world is now standing where it is? Was it not we who taught and tutored the present generation with whatever knowledge our own education had empowered us? **Do think about it now, calmly and clearly. I personally feel it is better to keep all our children safe than to push them over the brink and then pay dearly!**

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Schools and Colleges

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Pointing out that it is mandatory for students to carry consent letters from their parents and also to follow all norms such as wearing of face mask, maintenance of physical distancing and use of hand sanitisers, Suresh Kumar said that regular classes will begin only after the Centre gives the go ahead and issues corresponding guidelines, for which the State Government is waiting.

Maintaining that *Vidyagama* and *Sethu Bandha* online education programmes telecast through Doordarshan's Chandana Channel have been a hit among students, Suresh Kumar said that some Private TV Channels too have evinced interest for telecasting the Government's online classes and subsequently the Education Department has invited tenders for the same.

Replying to a query on charges of some private schools collecting exorbitant fees from parents even during Corona crisis, the Minister said that private educational institutions have been permitted to collect fee only for one term, based only on the previous academic year's fee and not higher than that. "The parents can immediately complain to the DDPI or the DDPUE if private institutions demand excessive fee. Also, schools are asked to complete fresh admission for standards first to tenth by Sept.30," he said.

Replying to a question on complaints that several private schools have been refusing issuance of Transfer Certificates (TC) to students, Suresh Kumar said that the BEOs too have been entrusted with the powers to issue TCs and students who are in need of it, can approach their respective BEOs for getting the same, in cases where schools refuse.

Stating that nearly 10 lakh children get enrolled for schools every year in the State, the Minister said that it is happy to note that there is a turnaround in the mindset of the people with regard to Government schools. "Parents, who are very much impressed by Government's educational initiatives such as *Vidyagama* and *Sethu Bandhu*, are now increasingly showing interest in admitting their wards to Government Schools," he contended.

Will Centre allow 2,000 persons for *Jumboo Savari* inside Palace?

(Continued from page 1)

In case the Union Government refuses to give permission in the wake of Karnataka occupying the second place in the country for recording the highest number of COVID-19 positive cases and deaths so far, only 100 persons will be allowed inside the Palace premises on Oct. 26 as per the latest guidelines issued by the Union Home Ministry.

In fact, the Government of India had declined to alter its guidelines to allow large gatherings for the world-renowned Lord Jagannath Rath Yatra in Puri, Odisha, which forced the Temple authorities to scale-down the Yatra by holding it symbolically amidst limited devotees.

Even the age-old Bengaluru Karaga Festival was held within the Dharmaraya Swamy Temple sans devotees to check the spreading of pandemic. Going by these examples, the Karnataka Government is not sure whether the Union Government will give permission as a 'special case' for Dasara which is being celebrated in a simple but traditional manner and also restricting the *Jumboo Savari* to the Palace premises.

Mysuru District Minister S.T. Somashekar told *Star of Mysore,* "I have already discussed this matter with Chief Secretary T.M. Vijay Bhaskar. In turn, he will write a letter to the Union Home Ministry seeking special permission to allow over 2,000 people to the Palace premises on Dasara procession day."

"We don't know what the Government of India will do as there is no decline in Corona positive cases across Karnataka in general and Mysuru City and District in particular in the last one month. Even the State Government is not ready to put any kind of pressure on the Central Government at this juncture. The Centre is expected to make its stand clear in the next 10-15 days," he said.

He said they have to strictly adhere to guidelines issued by the Ministry of Home Affairs and the State Government has no right to alter it. If the Central Government declines permission, then the Government has no option except to restrict the entry to only 100 persons not only on the *Jumboo Savari* day but also for the cultural programmes to be held at the Mysore Palace.

"In fact, another set of guidelines as part of 'Unlock 5.0' is expected during the fourth week of this month or in the first week of October and then we need to see whether the Government will increase the number of people at the function," the Minister stated.

Thousands perform *Pitru Paksha* rituals at Paschimavahini

Srirangapatna, Sept.18 (Vinay Karekura&DM)- As part of *Mahalaya Amavasya,* thousands of people from different parts of the State and neighbouring States, performed *Pitru Paksha* rituals including *Pinda* offering to their deceased elders at Paschimavahini where River Cauvery flows near Srirangapatna yesterday.

Srirangapatna is one of the most sought after place in South India by people who seek to perform *Pitru Paksha* rituals on *Mahalaya Amavasya* day. Apart from Paschimavahini, a number of people also gathered at other spots in the surroundings of the town such as Ganjam, Gosai Ghat and Cauvery Sangama. The priests of the town were busy guiding the people on the performance of associated rituals, offering of *Pinda* and immersion of ashes.

Meanwhile, amidst the rush to the river banks, people seemed to have forgotten COVID-19 precautionary measures that are in place to stop the spread of the pandemic. People were seen giving a go by to maintenance of physical distancing and wearing of face mask. Even the authorities failed to ensure implementation of COVID-19 regulations at Paschimavahini and other spots on the banks of River Cauvery.

The Srirangapatna TMC charged Rs.100 at the entry of the Bathing Ghat arena for allowing performance of rituals.

Veteran actor and Director Dwarakish performed *Pitru Paksha* rituals at Paschimavahini under the guidance of priests.

As thousands of people from various parts of the State thronged the historic town of Srirangapatna, there was heavy density of vehicles on Mysuru-Bengaluru Highway yesterday. Due to the high number of vehicles, there was traffic congestion in the surroundings of the town and haphazard parking of vehicles only compounded the problem. The Police had a tough time in regulating traffic.

Veteran film actor and Director Dwarakish performing 'Pitru Paksha' rituals at Paschimavahini yesterday.

Animation video released to wish PM Modi a happy birthday

Shrikanth Das

Prathibha

Mysuru, Sept. 18 (RKB& BCT)- While the entire nation wished a happy birthday to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, AUM Animation Studio has released a 2-minute video, second in Choti Chethana series where the life story of Modi and his achievements during 2019-2020 is narrated through animation and audio.

Earlier too, AUM Animation Studios Pvt. Ltd., Mangaluru, had created a one-and-a-half minute awareness video which spoke about the necessity of lockdown and about respecting Corona Warriors. Brother of MLA S.A. Ramdas, S.A. Shrikanth Das is the Managing Director of this Studio and his wife Prathibha Shrikanth is one of the Directors.

The second in Choti Chethana series released yesterday traces the life history of Modi who had humble roots and whose life was full of struggles. The video traces the history from his birth in 1950 till he assumed power as PM and headed the world's largest democracy. It shows how a common man can rise to power with sheer hard work and dedication.

The animation video talks about Modi's vision of nation building and laying a strong foundation to future generations. It also speaks about many people-friendly policies launched under Modi's leadership in 2019-2020. As the music plays in the background, photos of Modi and many aspects of his life are displayed in the background.

In fact, the Choti Chethana animation video was telecast in almost all TV news channels, national and regional. It has got appreciation from the Prime Minister's Office for the novel idea.

Speaking to *Star of Mysore*, Shrikanth Das said that the family has been wishing Modi on his birthday since the last 20 years. "Our first animation video released in April this year on lockdown theme was well received and even the Prime Minister was happy about the creative, the theme and social message. We wanted to do something different with Choti Chethana and we highlighted the achievements of Modi during 2019-2020," he said.

AUM Animation Studios was started in 2012 in Mangaluru. "Once the achievements were listed, we fitted them with music, audio and visuals. "Even this 2-minute video has caught the attention of the Prime Minister and this has been conveyed to us by his good offices. Modi has appreciated the out-of-the-box idea that was showcased on his 70th birthday," Shrikanth Das said.

'No lavish spending on *Naada Habba*'

S.T. Somashekar

Mysuru, Sept.18 (PM&SSV)- Chief Minister B.S.Yediyurappa has instructed to celebrate this year's Dasara festival in simple manner, said District Minister S.T. Somashekar speaking to reporters on the sidelines of a function to launch a slew of developmental works at Kumbarakoppal here this morning.

Shooting back at a journalist's question for spending Rs. 15 crore on 'simple' Dasara, Somashekar said "You sponsor Dasara 2020. I will write to the State Government not to release funds."

The Dasara High Power Committee might have announced Rs. 15 crore for *Naada Habba* but there is no question of lavish spending. A decision to this effect will be taken at a meeting to be chaired by Deputy Commissioner this evening.

Somashekar said Dasara is a ten-day event which involves spending. However, impetus will be given on spending as much less as possible. While the Government has released Rs. 15 crore, Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) has released Rs.5 crore. Besides, the Govt. owes Rs. 8.5 crore to contractors and others since last year. The Finance Department is seized of the matter and expected to take a call soon, he said.

On payment of honorarium to Mysore Royal Family for the use of Golden Howdah and the gem-studded Throne, the Minister said the system will be followed. Already, he has met Pramoda Devi Wadiyar much before Dasara festivities and sought her co-operation. She has promised full co-operation to celebrate Dasara in meaningful manner. He will meet her again soon along with the city MLAs and MP to seek her guidance, the Minister said.

Dasara Meeting today

Somashekar said Dasara meeting is scheduled this evening to take stock of preparations. Heads of various Departments have been asked to suggest five names of Corona Warriors who will be inaugurating the Dasara festival on Oct. 17 atop Chamundi Hill.

WORD OF THE DAY

Docile

Pronunciation: DAH-sul.
Meaning: Easily taught; easily led or managed : tractable.
Origin: Docile students can make teaching a lot easier. Nowadays, calling students "docile" indicates they aren't trouble-makers; however, there's more than just good behavior connecting docility to teachability. The original meaning of docile is more to the point: "readily absorbing something taught." "The docile mind may soon thy precepts know," rendered Ben Jonson, for example, in a 17th-century translation of the Roman poet Horace. Docile comes from Latin docēre, which means "to teach." Other descendants of docēre include doctrine (which can mean "something that is taught"), document (an early meaning of which was "instruction"), and doctor and docent (both of which can refer to college teachers).
Example: "I hate the idea that we have to be polite as women, or we have to be docile. It's good to be kind, of course, but that we have to be agreeable, and if we're anything else we're labeled difficult." — Elisabeth Moss.

THE ODD WORD

Dalton

Unit of atomic mass.

PHRASE OF THE DAY

Down and out

Meaning: Someone who is unable to perform normal functions because of a serious injury or because they are very sick. A term used in boxing; it refers to a boxer who has been knocked out.
Origin: The phrase 'down and out' is believed to come from boxing. Here's why: In boxing, two boxers who are ready to fight enter the ring. There are several timed rounds, and during each of them, the boxers fight one another, trying to punch their opponent in an attempt to knock them out. Fists are flying fast in the ring, and if a boxer gets hit hard enough on the head, he can lose his balance and be knocked down to the ground, or even knocked unconscious. If the latter happens, the boxer can be described as being down and out, because he's down on the floor, and he's out (as in unconscious). So it looks like this phrase started as a boxing term, and then later went on to become an idiom.
This expression has been used in boxing since at least the late 19th century. For instance, it's printed in The Referee newspaper from 1899:
"A short right arm swing on the neck administered by Rufe Turner sent 'Cocker' Tweedie, of Australia, down and out in the eigth round of what was to have been a twenty-round fight at the Avon Theatre, under the auspices of the Stockton Atheltic Association this evening."

QUOTE BOX

When life gets you down, improvise as if crawling was part of the choreography. — **Iveta Cherneva**

RIDDLE THIS

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Answer: Tuesday.

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7	9	1	2	4	6	5	3	8
5	6	8	1	9	3	7	2	4
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Sudoku is a number-placing puzzle based on a 9x9 grid with several given numbers. The object is to place the numbers 1 to 9 in the empty squares so that each row, each column and each 3x3 box contains the same number only once. The difficulty level of the Concept is Sudoku increases from Monday to Sunday.

CROSS WORD

ACROSS:

1 Against med. advice
4 Large vessel or tank
7 Tracks of wheels in soft earth
11 A person's brother or sister
12 _ __ zed: alpha to omega (1,2)
13 Eastern continent
14 Three little words that mean a lot to a couple going steady? (1,4,3)
17 Brandy letters
18 They work for free
20 Simmers or boils
22 One in Bonn
23 Puzzle solver's cry
24 The time being, present
27 "Ron lad" anagram for a man's name?
31 Looked at fixedly expressing anger or unfriendliness?
33 A type of lesion, especially in the stomach
34 Shade tree
35 Lew ___ : Aussie tennis great?
37 Pocket bottle
39 Cause to happen, effectuate? (5,5)
42 Inst. of Elec. and Electronics Engrs.
43 Timetable
46 East European
47 Wood sorrel, cultivated in South America for its edible tubers
48 Fabled bird
49 "To be" in Paris?
50 __ King Cole: famous singer of Mona Lisa?
51 Australian bird

YESTERDAY'S ANSWER

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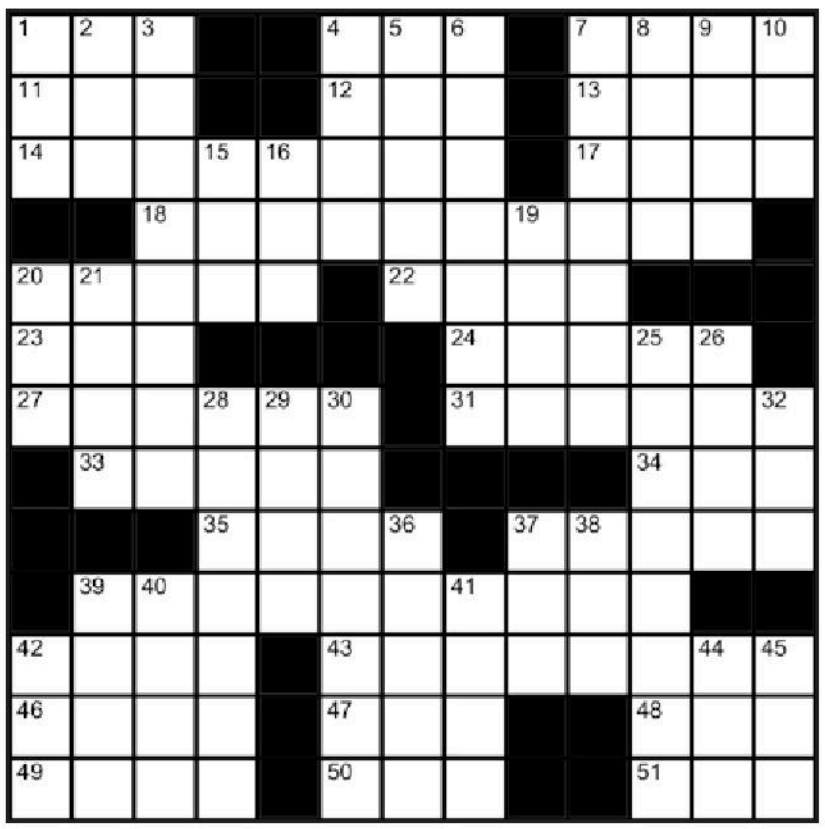
DOWN

1 Airspeed Indicator, abbr.
2 A small unit of length
3 First and foremost (5,3)
4 Hindu wind God
5 Make reparation
6 Pestering possible customers with requests for orders?
7 Ms. Tandon of Bollywood
8 Now CIS
9 Uncles in Spain
10 Vital juice of all plant life
15 Pledge
16 Electronic Library Sys.
19 Organic compound
20 Some Assembly Required
21 You in old English
25 Animal
26 Long fishes
28 Attain or reach
29 Inert gas
30 Continues for inordinately long times (5,2)
32 Karunanidhi's party
36 Capital city of Bangladesh
37 Friend or ___ : sentry's call?
38 Colloquial word for a lord?
39 Girdle; band round the waist
40 The back end
41 Ex-India left-arm spinner Raghuram ___
42 Suffix with expert
44 Sellers's Pink Panther sidekick Herbert ___
45 Old French coin



CRYPTOQUIP

The Cryptoquip is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

CX EOGGBI YNOG RLQB XM GNB OIPTEBCG SXT

OIB XC, SXT OKYOSR MLCQ VBXVKB XC SXTI RLQB

GNOG SXT YLRN YBIB XC GNB XGNBI.

TODAY'S CLUE: V EQUALS P

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: I believe in getting into hot water; it keeps you clean.

TENNIS TALK

US Open Review

By U.B. Acharya

Dominic Thiem fourth time lucky

As most of the tennis followers would have already seen on TV (live or later in news channels) or read in the newspapers that after failing thrice in the ultimate round to the two great champions, Dominic Thiem of Austria (pronounced as 'Teem') won his first major Title namely the US Open Champions in five sets against another rising star 23-year-old German Alexander "Sascha" Zverev. For the record, he won in about four hours with score line being 2-6, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3 and 7-6 (8-6). According to the TV commentators, match was not of a great quality but for Thiem and his fans it is a great victory.

A critical analysis of the ATP tour of 2020, the present US Open and the final match is summarised as follows:

1. Normally, the tour starts in the first week of January with South Asian and Australian circuit culminating in the Australian Open. Then the Desert Circuit in Southern USA with a couple of Masters 1000 tournament takes place. This then is followed by the European Clay Court season again terminating with the French Open in early June. Following this, the Grass Court season starts with only three tournaments with Wimbledon Championship in early July as the finale. This is followed by US season with US Open as the last tournament in USA. The season continues with a few indoor Hard Court Masters 1000 Tournaments in China and Europe with season ending ATP finals in London.

2. All these programmes got either cancelled or postponed due to COVID-19 pandemic after the Australian Circuit. However, due to the determined efforts of USTA with the active co-operation of New York City authorities, US Open was conducted as per schedule. The health restrictions were very strict and in fact one player was sent home due to suspected COVID-19. There were no spectators and post-match press conference was online.

3. The most prominent point of discussions during the second week of the Championship was the disqualification of the top seed Novak Djokovic. He was the favourite and had sailed through the first three rounds of the tournament. In the fourth round he met the 20th seeded Spaniard Pablo Carreno Busta. In the first set at 5-4 Djokovic served for the set. After leading 40-0 he made some uncharacteristic errors and lost the game. In the next game, Busta held his service for a 6-5 lead. For Djokovic it is not a defeat but just a minor set-back. As he changed ends, in frustration, he swung the ball backwards towards the back screen without looking where he was hitting the ball! As his bad luck would have it, the ball struck right at the neck of a middle aged lines woman! As per the ATP and USTA rules, Djokovic was disqualified from the tournament in spite of his "begging" with folded hands *(Namaste)* to the Chair Umpire and the Chief Referee of the tournament.

4. It is now a moot point whether Thiem or anyone else would have won if Djokovic did not have this unexpected and inadvertent mistake. But since the mistake did happen there is no point in pondering further on the subject and one man's loss became another man's gain.

Now for some tennis statistical buffs, there are some interesting numbers. Starting from 1877, there have been a total of 470 Grand Slam events but because of multiple winners, there have been only 149 names in the winners list so far. Last in this list is Marin Cilic of Croatia who won the US Open way back in 2014! Thus Dominic Thiem is the 150th player to have his name in this illustrious list which includes names like Bill Tilden (10 Titles), Fred Perry (8), Don Budge (6), Roy Emerson (12), Rod Laver (11), Jimmy Connors (8), Bjorn Borg (11), Pete Sampras (14) and the three present greats namely Federer (20), Nadal (19) and Djokovic (17). Hopefully it is only the beginning of his winning streak.

However, there are now half a dozen next-gen players who are gunning for glory. They are Daniil Medvedev, Stefanos Tsitsipas, Borna Coric, Denis Shapovalov and of course, the runner-up Alexander Zverev. But I have faith in one 18-year-old Canadian named Felix Auger Aliassime. According to my reckoning, he is likely to overtake all the next-gen players mentioned above and get recognition as the world's top ten all time greats! Let us wait and watch.

Daniil Medvedev

Stefanos Tsitsipas

Borna Coric

Denis Shapovalov

Alexander Zverev

Felix Auger

No cheerleaders, no fans

IPL starts tomorrow without glitz, glamour

Abu Dhabi, Sept. 18- The much-delayed Indian Premier League (IPL) starts tomorrow (Sept. 19) without its customary glitz and glamour, but the Twenty20 tournament is expected to be a welcome relief to cricket fans during the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic.

The short-form extravaganza normally starts in March-April but along with other major international sporting events was postponed as countries went into virus lockdowns. It was then moved to the United Arab Emirates (UAE) as cases rose in India.

All the eight teams have been in strict, bio-secure 'bubbles' since landing in the UAE, with the competition set to kick off when defending champions Mumbai Indians (MI) take on Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in Abu Dhabi on Sept. 19.

There will be no gala opening ceremony for the world's richest T20 league and the games will be played behind closed doors at three venues including Dubai and Sharjah.

Yet President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), Sourav Ganguly, expects a surge in viewership for the 13th edition with the matches scheduled for India's evening primetime TV slots.

IPL 2020

Tomorrow's Match (SEPT. 19)

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Grassroots Research and Advocacy Movement (GRAAM) and India Leaders for Social Sector (ILSS): Virtual launch of the book 'Leadership Lessons For Daily Living (LLDL)' authored by Dr. R. Balasubramaniam, Founder of Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM) & GRAAM, talk on 'Democratising Leadership' with the eminent panellist Pramath Raj Sinha, Founder and Chairman, Harappa Education, Founder and Trustee, Ashoka University and Dr. R.S. Praveen Kumar, Secretary, Telangana Social Welfare Residential Educational Institutions Society, Dr. R. Balasubramaniam talks on his book, GRAAM's Executive Director Dr. Basavaraju R. Shreshta and ILSS Founder and CEO Anu Prasad will moderate the event, **5 pm to 6.30 pm.** [Pre-registration is required. For registration, log on to *http://tiny.cc/dyqtsz;* The event will be livestreamed on GRAAM Facebook Page. For details, contact Mob: 96202-07879]

Mysuru Akashavani: Re-telecast of 'Belli Beragu - Mysuru Koduge' series, Journalist Ganesh Amingad provides information on Mysuru talents who worked for Cinema, Akashavani 100.6 FM, **5 pm.**

Prakash Performing Arts Trust (PPAT), Mysuru: 77th Birth Anniversary celebrations and in fond memory of flute maestro and revered Guru *Karnataka Kalashri* late Vid. A.V. Prakash, Virtual Concert — Nadaswara recital of Vid. M.S. Vijay Surya and team — on PPAT Facebook page, **6 pm.**

Government Nature Cure and Yoga Medical College, Mysuru and National Nutrition Mission: Virtual lecture series through Google Meet, Government Hi-Tech Panchakarma Hospital Resident Doctor Dr. Shashirekha speaks on 'Nutrition awareness among children, pregnant women and women under neonatal care,' **6 pm to 7 pm.** [For details, call Dr. R. Lakshmi on Mob: 96209-27472 or Dr. V. Bharat Chandra on 99860-24382 or Dr. M. Sowmya on 96862-18963]

EVENTS TOMORROW (SEPT. 19)

JSS Mysore Urban Haat: Handicrafts Mela, JSS Mysore Urban Haat premises, Outer Ring Road junction, Hebbal, **10 am to 9 pm.**

Gravity Science Foundation, Chamarajanagar and Karnataka Science and Technology Academy (KSTA), Department of Science and Technology, Government of Karnataka, Bengaluru: Online Monthly Science Lecture Series - 02, talk on 'Pleasure of Being a Science Student' by Dr. S.M. Shivaprasad, Scientist, Professor, Jawaharlal Nehru Centre for Advanced Scientific Research (JNCASR), Bengaluru and Director, Karnataka Higher Education Academy, Government of Karnataka, **4.30 pm.** [Webinar will be conducted through Cisco Webex. 'Cisco Webex' Link will be shared with the registered participants through their registered e-mail ID. For registration, log on: *https://forms.gle/LDYaXnXYRYhBThq48;* For details, contact Mob: 97420-65065]

Rangayana, Mysuru: Official announcement of birth anniversary of B.V. Karanth (Sept. 19) as 'Bharatiya Theatre Music Day' by renowned, senior and accomplished music director of legendary Gubbi Company, Paramasivan, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **4.30 pm.**

Sri Thyagaraja Sangeetha Sabha: Weekly online concert series - Vocal concert by Vidushi Koviladi R. Kala, accompanied by senior artistes Vid. C.N. Thyagaraju on violin, Vid. Tumkur B. Ravishankar on mridanga and Vid. G.S. Ramanujan on ghata, Sabha YouTube channel, **5 pm.**

Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM): Guru Manthan - Discussions on Education, Discussion on 'Ethical Dilemmas - Teachers, Schools & Education System,' in conversation with Anil Swarup, former Secretary, Ministry of Human Resource Development (MHRD), Government of India and Author of 'Ethical Dilemmas of a Civil Servant,' [Zoom: Meeting ID - 87413902094; Password - v-lead], **7 pm to 8 pm.**

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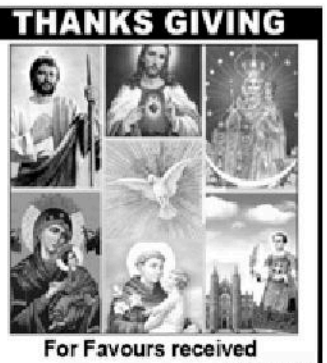

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